

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 231699

12  
ORIGIN NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 L-03 IO-13 PRS-01 INR-07 CPR-01

/051 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/EGY:GRBEYER:CEK:EI  
APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY (PER SECTO 27132)  
NEA - MR. ATHERTON  
L - S.M. SCHWEBEL  
IO - J.A. BAKER  
S/S -SESTEINER  
S:RAHERNE

----- 085979

R 182116Z SEP 76  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 231699

FROM THE SECRETARY FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, EG

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR HELMY AND THE ARAB INFORMATION  
OFFICE

REFERENCE: CAIRO 9142

1. REQUEST YOU TELL FAHMY THAT ON BASIS HIS REPRESENTATION  
TO YOU I HAVE REVIEWED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SUIT AGAINST  
AMBASSADOR HELMY AND THE ARAB INFORMATION OFFICE IN NEW  
YORK. JUSTICE SUIT WILL BE DROPPED IF HELMY ACCORDED  
DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. I CONCUR IN  
PRINCIPLE THAT HELMY AS HEAD OF ARAB LEAGUE PERMANENT  
OBSERVOR'S OFFICE AND EMPLOYEES OF LEAGUE OFFICE IN NEW  
YORK SHOULD BE ACCORDED SAME PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES THEY  
WOULD HOLD IF THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THEIR NATIONAL DELEGA-  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 231699

TIONS TO U.N. THE PROCESS OF FORMALLY OBTAINING SUCH P&I

FOR HELMY AND OTHER ARAB LEAGUE OFFICERS WILL ENTAIL AMENDMENTS TO RELEVANT U.S. LEGISLATION AND EXECUTIVE ORDER. I HAVE INSTRUCTED STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO SEEK THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS, BUT AS THE PROCESS MAY TAKE SOME TIME I HAVE ALSO INSTRUCTED THEM TO GRANT IMMEDIATELY TO HELMY INTERIM DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. WE EXPECT, AS A RESULT, THAT THE CIVIL SUIT BY JUSTICE AGAINST HELMY AND THE ARAB INFORMATION OFFICE WILL BE DROPPED.

2. TO AVOID POSSIBLE FUTURE PROBLEMS, I AM REQUESTING ROY ATHERTON TO DISCUSS WITH ARAB LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES HERE NEED FOR ARAB INFORMATION OFFICE TO ABIDE BY PROVISIONS OF PERTINENT U.S. LAWS.

3. EXTEND TO FAHMY MY WARM REGARDS AND TELL HIM I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM SOON. ROBINSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** LITIGATION, DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES, AMBASSADORS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 18 SEP 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** CunninFX  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976STATE231699  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** GRBEYER:CEK:EI  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** I  
**Film Number:** D760354-0044  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760944/aaaabmcr.tel  
**Line Count:** 77  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 CAIRO 9142  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** CunninFX  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 10 JUN 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <10 JUN 2004 by ellisoob>; APPROVED <06 OCT 2004 by CunninFX>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** AMBASSADOR HELMY AND THE ARAB INFORMATION OFFICE  
**TAGS:** PDIP, EG, (HELMY, AMIN)  
**To:** CAIRO  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006